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General Butler Commences Operations.

HIS PROCLAMATION TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW ORLEANS.

His Military Governorship Handsomely Begun.

The New Orleans *True Delta* of Saturday morning May 3d, contains the following proclamation of Gen. Butler, on the occasion of assuming control as military Governor of that city. It will be found stringent enough:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF,
NEW ORLEANS, May 1, 1862.

The city of New Orleans and its environs, with all its interior and exterior defenses, having been surrendered to the combined naval and land forces of the United States and having been evacuated by the rebel forces in whose possession they lately were, and being now in occupation of the forces of the United States, who have come to restore order, maintain public tranquillity, enforce peace and quiet under the laws and Constitution of the United States, the Major General commanding the forces of the United States in the Department of the Gulf, hereby makes known and proclaims the object and purposes of the Government of the United States in thus taking possession of the city of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana, and the rules and regulations by which the laws of the United States will be for the present, and during a state of war, enforced and maintained for the plain guidance of all good citizens of the United States, as well as others who may heretofore have been in rebellion against their authority.

Thrice, before, has the city of New Orleans been rescued from the hands of a foreign Government, and still more calamitous domestic insurrection, by the money and arms of the United States. It has of late been under the military control of the rebel forces, claiming to be the peculiar friends of the people. Order and quiet, in the judgment of the commander of the military forces holding it, it has been found necessary to preserve order and maintain quiet by the administration of the law martial. From fruitful experience in the history of the world it would seem that the previous recital furnishes sufficient precedents.

All persons in arms against the United States are required to surrender themselves with their arms, equipments and munitions of war. The body known as the "European Legion," not being understood to be in arms against the United States, but organized to protect the lives and property of the citizens, are invited to still co-operate with the forces of the United States in the preservation of order, and will not be included in the terms of this order, but will report to these headquarters.

All ensigns, flags, and devices tending to uphold any authority whatever, save the flag of the United States and the flags of the several friendly powers, must be taken down, hauled down, and will be treated as enemies' property if the circulation of such notes was suppressed, such circulation will be permitted so long as any one may be inconsiderate enough to receive them, till further orders.

No publications, either by newspapers, pamphlet, or handbill, giving accounts of the movements of soldiers in the United States within the Department, reflecting in any way upon the United States or its officers, or tending in any way to influence the public mind against the Government of the United States will be permitted; and all articles of war-news, or editorial comments, or correspondence making comments upon the movements of the forces of the United States, or the rebels, must be submitted to the examination of an officer who will be detailed for that purpose before they are published.

The transmission of all communications by telegraph will be under the charge of an officer from these headquarters.

The flag of the United States must have taken not to destroy, but to make good, to restore order out of chaos, and the government of laws in the place of the mere will of power. In this end, therefore, the efforts of all well disposed are invited to have every species of disorder quelled, and if any soldier of the United States should so far forget his duty or his flag as to commit any outrage upon any person or property, the commanding General requests that his name be instantly reported to the provost guard, so that he may be punished and ade to repair such wrong if set redressed.

The municipal authority, so far as the police of the city and crimes are concerned, to the extent before indicated, is hereby suspended.

All assemblages of persons in the street, either by day or by night, tend to disorder, and are forbidden.

The various companies composing the Fire Department in New Orleans will be permitted to retain their organizations, and are to report to the office of the Provost Marshal, so that they may be known, and not interfered with in their duties.

And finally it may be sufficient to add, without further enumeration, that all the requirements of martial law will be imposed in the case, in the judgment of the United States authorities, it may be necessary. And while it is the desire of these authorities to exercise this government mildly, and allow the largest liberty of the past, it must not be supposed that it will not be vigorously and firmly administered on occasion calls.

By command of MAJ. GEN. BUTLER,
GEO. S. STRONG, A. A. G., Chief of Staff.

Reviving Old Connections.

The once familiar heading "For New Orleans" appears in the New York shipping lists, and several vessels are up for cargoes to be in readiness for the opening of that port. The Washington dispatches say that the New Orleans Post Office is to be immediately reorganized, and Major Scott, post-office clerk of the Inspection office, has left New York with the mails for New Orleans, while with him 6,000 foreign letters which have accumulated within the last few weeks at this city.

The Trip of the City of Alton.

Wounded and Sick Illinois Soldiers at St. Louis.

Report of Col. John Howe, Aid to Gov. Yates of Illinois.

[From the Missouri Democrat, 13th.]

To Richard Yates, Governor of Illinois:

SIR:—In accordance with your request on the 27th of April, I accompanied Hon. Wm. Pinkney, State Treasurer, to St. Louis, for the purpose of procuring transportation for a corps of surgeons and nurses, to Pittsburg Landing, to remove from thence sick and wounded Illinois soldiers. Satisfactory arrangement was effected, through the agency of Col. L. B. Parsons, A. Q. M., by which the large steamer Champion was secured.

Returning to Springfield, preparations for the organization of a competent corps of surgeons and nurses were completed, and provision was made for all necessary medicines, hospital supplies, stores, &c., in cooperation with the Chicago and many other Sanitary Commissions, from all parts of the State. In all these operations, efficient service was rendered you by Hon. O. M. Hatch, who accompanied the expedition, and also by the other State officers.

Leaving St. Louis on Thursday, May 1st, we arrived at Cairo Friday morning, where complete and ample arrangements were perfected to insure a speedy and successful trip. Rev. Mr. Folsom, agent of the Chicago Sanitary Commission, furnished abundant additional supplies of almost everything required. We found here also stores from various parts of the State, awaiting our use, and inviting special attention.

In the meantime, Prof. Brainard, of Chicago, was appointed Surgeon-in-Chief, and an organization of the surgeons and medical gentlemen effected.

Pittsburg Landing was reached early on Monday morning. At this place, scattered in tents through the woods and fields, and also at Hamburg, six miles above, and at Savannah, below, over three thousand sick and wounded were found in great need of attention, many hundreds of them having reached the verge of starving and destitution. As the army advanced they were left without surgeons, attendants, medicines, food or water. Some of them were left without tents to cover them even to die in. In this state of things but little time was needed to fill the boat to its utmost capacity and finding that it would be impossible to remove any but a small portion of those who were begging to be taken to their homes, when the Champion was ready to leave, I exercised the authority you had given me, and chartered the fine steamer City of Alton to take such as could be got on board, manned by Dr. McDougal, the Medical Director, to act as surgeon in charge of the Champion, and Major Allen of Springfield was appointed to represent the State in the transportation service, to which duties (additional ones having been received) were apportioned between the boats; supplies, nurses, &c., were divided and transferred, so that on your return from the visit to Pittsburg all necessary preparations were complete and the Champion ready to return.

Dr. Brainard having been transferred to the City of Alton, was placed in charge, and he at once proceeded to fit up the boat for hospital purposes. This was found to be a work of considerable labor and no little annoyance and obstructions, necessarily progressed somewhat slowly.

At length, however, we were ready, and proceeded to Hamburg, where several hundred Illinois volunteers had been anxiously awaiting a visit from you with one of our own boats. Duties were again encountered in transferring the sick from the hospitals and field to the boat, and we were unable to go to Savannah until Tuesday, for want of a sufficiency of our sick in time to take them before Saturday morning.

About four hundred were sent on the Champion, and over five hundred on the City of Alton, and all of this has been accomplished at a trifling expense to the State. Those taken on the Champion were from Pittsburg Alton and Quincy, and those on the City of Alton, at Cairo and St. Louis. The body of Major Arbuthnot was also brought on the latter boat, and put in charge of Hon. W. Bushnell.

Full reports of the names have been furnished by the Surgeon in charge, and placed on file in the executive office.

I need hardly say to you that this expedition was most timely, and that you were welcomed with the grateful thanks of the sick, and with the shouts of our well soldiers from Illinois, wherever they were met. The voice of humanity, the voice of the people of Illinois, swells the chorus of praise to the Governor of our honored State. But the voice of gratitude from our army unable to take care of the sick and suffering, and needs to be again responded to. JOHN MOSES.

RESOLUTIONS.

At a meeting of the surgeons and nurses on board the steamer City of Alton, on the return from Pittsburg Landing, May 5, 1862, with the sick and wounded Illinois soldiers, Capt. K. Carr, Esq., was called to the chair, and D. D. Jacobs, Esq., appointed Secretary.

On motion, the following named gentlemen were appointed a committee to present resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting: Dr. J. C. Gore, Dr. McArthur and J. F. Duncan, Esq., Dr. Brainard, the following, which were passed unanimously, to wit:

Resolved, That our warmest thanks are due and hereby tendered to Hon. Richard Yates, Governor of Illinois, for his attention and co-operation in getting on foot and carrying out this very successful expedition; also to Hon. Wm. Pinkney, Hon. O. M. Hatch, Secretary of State, for their untiring kindness, efficiency and attention.

Resolved, That we hereby express our approval of the efficient management of the surgeon in charge, Prof. Brainard, and Surgeon Dr. Hill of Chicago, who have each labored faithfully in the discharge of their arduous duties. Also to Dr. Wier, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Hall, Dr. Jacobs, Dr. Dickerson and R. Emerson, superintendents of the several wards and quarters, respectively, for the able manner in which they have discharged their duty; also to the officers of the boat for their gentlemanly attention and kindness to the sick.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the chairman and secretary, and that they be published in the St. Louis and Chicago papers.

D. D. Jacobs,		Henderson,
McArthur,	W. H. Butler,	
F. Matthews,	J. Hoots,	
R. G. Laughlin,	T. Hoots,	
A. E. Stewart,	J. H. Waterman,	
Black,	H. S. Osgood,	
Smith,	A. D. Smith.	

The following sick and wounded soldiers were landed at St. Louis on Monday afternoon:

SEVENTEENTH ILLINOIS.—John Murphy, Erastus Knox, W. Read, Henrie te Ilin, Wm Logue, Thos. Hamilton, Thomas Whitmore, A. Shaw, O. C. Hogan, Absolom F. Bricker.

FIFTY-THIRD ILLINOIS.—Capt. Brainard, Wm. N. Pope, Hiram Hall, Wm. Hall, Wm. Hamilton, T. Mosher, Jno. Dunlap, Francis Webb, Darnell Miller.

FIFTY-FIFTH ILLINOIS.—Thos. J. Hopper, W. M. O'Neill, John E. Beckworth, Isaac Simpson, Abram Simpson, Jas. Hogan, Jas. Bryant, G. C. Simpson, E. Rodgers, Jas. Bryant, J. G. Jackson, W. J. Dowell, Jas. Barker, J. Brown, Lewis J. M. Johnson, Jas. Hogan, Jas. Bryant, J. G. Jackson, W. J. Dowell, Jas. Barker, J. Brown, Lewis J. M. Johnson, G. Griswold, N. Bixby, R. B. Treadwell, Jas. Hogan, P. Stowe, A. Davis, A. N. Lyons, J. Lyons, Daniel Baxter, P. Nash, Jno. Wm. McNeal, J. H. Hutchcroft, J. Goth, W. Bates, R. L. Clark, W. Bates, N. Covington, W. Brook, W. M. Fobe.

FORTY-SECOND ILLINOIS.—G. M. Yansell, W. E. Dickson, C. Holden, J. H. Dorris, A. Dorris, G. W. Spading, J. Anderson, J. Miller, S. Bard, A. P. Pulman, J. McHenry, J. McHaney, J. Hazelwood, C. Little, C. C. Thomas, Ur. Mero, W. F. Young, R. M. Mason, T. Chandler, Wm. Bradley, P. Hamblin, W. Hamblin, J. Wright, J. W. Ingersol, J. Coyn, J. Snead, S. J. Porter, J. Holden, N. Sain, R. N. Nation, J. Baker, Hill.

SIXTEENTH ILLINOIS.—W. Brown.

THIRTIETH ILLINOIS.—C. Harris, W. P. Elliot, J. F. Sanderson.

THIRTY-FOURTH ILLINOIS—W. Cox, G. M. Watson, A. N. Bice, C. Burch, D. Buckner, S. Circus.

EIGHTH WISCONSIN.—A. S. Fannel, J. W. Walker.

EIGHTH ILLINOIS—J. Clayton, J. G Worts, J. Madison, A. Miller, J. Bolsinet, J. Belmot, J. Dunn, J. A. Snyder, J. G. Beebler.

SEVENTH ILLINOIS.—W. L. Newell, R. J. Henny, J. Hewitt, J. M. Wilson, D. H. Ruizro, H. Mclean.

FORTY-SEVENTH ILLINOIS.—Charles Cook, A. Merrit.

FORTY-THIRD ILLINOIS—H. Yohe, A. L. Anderson, J. Barr, A. Walters, G. Wagner, J. Swab, A. Lardner, *Illinois*.

FIFTY-FIFTH ILLINOIS—Wm. Hoyes, H. Nash, E. Irwin, D. Bailey, R. J. Harris, J. Fraser, F. Richards, T. McGrew, O. Henderson, J. P. Pratt, W. Wheeler, J. F. Robins, D. Holden, C. C. Davis, J. C. Jackson, W. Chandler, D. Bice, Jas. Kilworth, A. Wright, J. M. Flaherty, J. C. Vaughn, W. H. Coleman, L. Filer, C. Moran, J. Kennedy, W. Hill, C. Hayden, H. Bigne, P. Bigne, Wm. Cannes, W. S. Rives.

FORTY-SEVENTH ILLINOIS—W. C. Echolds, Henry Sizer, C. Dailey, J. Page, W. Glasco, H. Kelly, C. Bailey, W. K. Edwards, Wm. Tucker, D. Paull, W. Baker, Wm. Beard, J. Ellenyard.

FIFTY-FIRST ILLINOIS LIGHT ARTILLERY.—C. A. Quillman, R. H. Fuller, J. G. Wilson, S. Smith, M. Caisno, J. W. Allen, T. F. Kennedy.

FROM GEN. CURTIS' ARMY.

The War in Arkansas.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

HEAD QUARTERS ARMY OF THE SOUTH-WEST,
CAMP AT BATTESVILLE, ARK., May 4, 1862.

May! lovely, blooming rosy, May, with its summer flowers, its sunny days, its roses and honey-suckles, its birds and flowers, its bees and robes, and with smiling face, is here. The rapid march of time, as well as the rapid march of our victorious army, find us far advanced in "Dixie," and perhaps one of the most delightful spots that can be found. From Forsyth to West Plains, owing to the bad condition of the roads, and scarcity of forage, the different divisions of the army were separated routes; and scarce a bluff or ravine have not served to hide from the "Secesh Feds," or "brave Union boys," as they were denominated by the secesh or Union proclivities of the inhabitants of this fair, fragrant and sterile region. In those rock fastnesses in the deep recesses of the forest—behind entrenchments made by nature's God—hundreds of starving rebels could be found. The second day from Vera Cruz, hearing that I was but two miles from where Jred Solomon Collins, a veteran of 1812 who fought at New Orleans, and again at the age of seventy-five years—in defiance of the threats of ferocious enemies, came to Rolla, and with four sons, again enrolled his name among the defenders of the same cause and country and the same flag, which sixty years ago North and South were united in maintaining. I dismounted to call on him, and following a crooked path was soon at his cabin. I found him very low from disease contracted while in camp. At the mention of the Union uniform his eye brightened, and raising his withered hand, he thanked his God that he yet lived to see secession crushed from its dear land.

At Forsyth I saw another hero, not only of 1812, but of the Revolution, in the person of Wm. D. Dobson, now 101 years of age. He had come down two miles to see and talk with Gen. Curtis; and through all the dark and trying hours of this rebellion, never for a day had the stars and stripes ceased to float over his dwelling. For this he had been threatened with death. His reply was, that he had lived too long, and would be glad to die in so good a cause. It is a curious fact that the Union soldiers from Missouri and Arkansas are old men, while the rebel soldiers are generally young and middle aged.

While on the march, I passed a new made grave, by the side of the road; and on enquiring, learned that Lieut. Hamilton, of the 4th Iowa Cavalry, had been killed in a skirmish near Talcott's Ferry in Arkansas, and was buried there. A squad of 30 brave and determined men have been sent to capture the salt-pore works near the ferry; and on the night of the 20th ult., after a long march of 30 miles, they crossed the river, and leaving half their number to guard the horses, the remainder pressed some natives to guide and row them in canoes to which were found they crossed over, and leaving four of their number to guard the boats and boatmen, whose treachery might betrade them into ambush, the other twenty-six proceeded to the mill, broke the engine, destroyed what kettles and other property they could, and then fired the building and left by a concealed rifle pit everything connected with the works, and then returned without a single mishap to any one connected with the party, except Lieut. Hamilton, whose courage got be sufficient for the task, a detachment of cavalry was also sent to the ferry. The rebels gathering to the conflict, and Hamilton fell on the south bank, running fire was kept up for some time from behind trees and logs, during which the Lieutenant was killed, and his remains were left where they fell, remote from human habitation. The object of the expedition being accomplished the whole returned to camp again.

Until we reached West Plains, on the 27th ult., our march was over pine-clad hills, and down crooked and rocky ravines, and our progress was necessarily slow. But from thence the roads were materially better, and the country vastly improved in fertility as well as beauty, and yet it was but little more thickly settled than among the sterile hills of Missouri. From West Plains we struck directly south, reaching Salem, the county seat of county, in one day's march, taking the people by surprise, they little dreaming that our forces were so near. From thence a forced march was made to Batesville, hoping to surprise Coleman and his band, who were reported there. Gen. Curtis headed the advance, leaving all his baggage and part of his staff to follow after. Our forces reached the town by daylight on the 3d instant, and, surrounding the place, marched to the river; but Coleman had crossed but a short time before, retaining the ferry boat, so that pursuit was prevented. A few of his men were found lying away among the bushes, but in a short time returned in large numbers, and in fearful array, and opened upon our men from behind trees, and an old house near by. Their fire was principally directed against Major Bowen's command, who were in the advance. For about half an hour the conflict raged, which emboldened the enemy until they came so near as to converse with our men, calling them "d—n yankees," and "abolitionists." But soon four howitzers were placed in position and opened upon the rebels, who scattered like sheep, and in a few minutes not a button or hat was in sight. The shell struck the old house, its affrighted tenants swarming like bees in every direction, and were seen to carry three of their number away, who were supposed to be killed, besides two others who crawled away in the bushes and were supposed to be wounded. On our side no one was hurt. Two captured three stragglers who were in the town, and they were recognized as old offenders who formerly resided near Rolla, in the armies of Va.

We also captured a flatboat loaded with rice, sugar, and other army stores, and was just ready to be taken across the river. A large quantity of stores were also taken, which the rebels were unable to take with them.

Jacksonport, twenty-six miles below Batesville, and on the opposite side, is occupied by Davis' and a portion of Steele's divisions. Our movements were entirely unexpected, and our presence was generally a great relief from the panic which had preceded our advance. A secession mail was captured here, and I have been allowed to look over a portion of the letters. Among them were many from soldiers who were in the battle at Pittsburg Landing, and much valuable information has been gained. All claim a victory, and yet tacitly admit a defeat. One poor homesick "loryer," after recounting his many heroic exploits, among which was the killing of Gen. Prentiss, closes by expressing his thankfulness at his miraculous escape from the "Feds," when all but six of his regiment were cut down. Another, written by a citizen of Batesville, and dated the 2d inst., says that he has heard that the "Dutch" were at Pocahontas, but thought they would not have the temerity to come to Batesville. Such is the unity of nature of all human plans and hopes. His dreams of safety were sadly distorted by the thunder of our cannon early the next morning.

The 25th Illinois is encamped near by. They are usually among the first to march, and are in fine health. The first of their band to die—the south. This is admitted by all to be about the best regiment in the field. Onward is our motto, and you may next expect to hear from us at some more distant point.

☞ Probably the most desperate, brilliant, and thoroughly successful fighting of this war was that whereby the national fleet on the Mississippi assailed and passed the forts, St. Philip and Jackson, intended to bar the ascent of the river, broke the strong chain thrown across the mighty current, captured, sunk or destroyed and saved Kentucky to the Union, have sent a deputation to Washington to ask for moderate and conservative action on the part of Congress. They say that the emancipation act of this District, coupled with the general emancipation and confiscation bills still pending, are producing a special uneasiness and dissatisfaction in Kentucky, and weakening the hands of the Union men there.

THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM CAIRO AND BELOW.

A Delayed Account of the Gunboat Fight.

THE REBELS PROMISING TO TRY IT AGAIN.

INCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES OF THE FIGHT.

Repairs of the Federal Flotilla.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, May 12, 1862.

It now turns out that the result of the great naval fight of Saturday that the injury done the Cincinnati will probably be repaired today. The Mound City will arrive here this morning and be repaired at once. The Government wrecking derrick has gone down the river to raise the former, and the latter is being towed to Cairo by two transports.

The Gunboat Mound City has just arrived from Fort Pillow for repairs of injuries sustained in the recent naval fight.

We have nothing new to add to the accounts received from our correspondent at the fleet.

From Pittsburg Landing there is no arrival to this hour.

[The following dispatch comes to hand one day late, but its details will repay its presentation, although it has been anticipated by our previous dispatch and account of this battle. —Eds.]

The condition of affairs in the country between Hickman and the Obion river is exciting the worst apprehensions. Since my last visit there, I learn that the enemy's cavalry have crossed the river and inflicted the grossest outrages and indignities upon those who greeted us so joyfully. One Union man named Davis, the proprietor of the mill at the ford, whose wife on the occasion of our visit paraded in front of our lines waving the Stars and Stripes, is reported hung. Whether this is true or false, I have no means of determining, except that it is current rumor at Hickman. In either case, the evident way to put a period to these outrages is to seize prominent secessionists and adopt a system of retaliation. For every loyal man hung let a dozen rebels swing; and we shall hear no more of this terrible persecution for opinion's sake. Our forces should sweep the country as with the besom of destruction, and *force* the rebels to maintain a proper attitude toward our friends. It is all nonsense to talk of the respect due an enlightened and chivalric enemy, when they are daily committing depredations and outrages which would bring the blush of shame to the cheek of the veriest savage.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

MISSISSIPPI FLOTILLA, OFF FORT PILLOW,
ON BOARD STEAMER JOHN DICKEY,
May 11, 8 a. m. via Cairo, May 13.

The rebels are reported as in an active state of preparation for a resumption of the fight near the Fort.

A rebel deserter reports that their rams were not sunk, but badly shattered. They are working busily to make good the damage, and promise to be here again this morning. They are fully posted as to the damage done our fleet. An officer of each of the Union boats took an observation yesterday and confirms the reports of the deserter as regards the floating condition of the rams. Our own rams and more gunboats are hourly expected.

Capt. Stembel is not as badly injured as was at first supposed, and hopes are entertained of his recovery. Mosier is suffering greatly.

The rebels have not yet made good their promise to come again and fight the battle over.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, May 13, 1862.

Mr. Lovejoy's amendment to the Arnold bill, adopted yesterday, before the bill was passed, strikes out the preamble and all except the provisions prohibiting slavery in the Territories or hereafter to be formed. So the act, while it "renders freedom national and slavery sectional," does not "secure freedom to all persons within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States," (as its former title proposed,) because the land occupied by our navy yards and public establishments South is not declared to be free soil.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The Washington dispatch to the New York *Times* says Capt. Boggs, bearer of dispatches from New Orleans, who took his ship to the gallant fight there, has been assigned to the command of the Potomac, a comparatively new vessel of war, carrying 12 guns, now lying at Philadelphia.

The loss of the Norfolk Navy Yard by rebel burning, is much regretted. It will immediately be re-built by the Government.

The military board of Kentucky, who, under the authority of the loyal Legislature of that State practically took all military power out of the hands of Gov. Magoffin, fled rebelward and saved Kentucky to the Union, have sent a deputation to Washington to ask for moderate and conservative action on the part of Congress. They say that the emancipation act of this District, coupled with the general emancipation and confiscation bills still pending, are producing special uneasiness and dissatisfaction in Kentucky, and weakening the hands of the Union men there.

FROM THE SOUTH.

INCREASING PANIC AT FEDERAL MOVEMENTS.

OUR MORTAR FLEET BELOW MOBILE.

RICHMOND TO BE ABANDONED.

Advance on Baton Rouge and up the Mississippi.

NEW YORK, May 13.—A number of late Southern papers have been received, among them the Petersburg (Va.) *Express* of the 9th inst.

CINCINNATI, May 13.—The *Daily Commercial* has copies of the Memphis *Avalanche* and *Argus* of the 6th and 7th.

THE SITUATION IN VIRGINIA.

The advance of the iron-clad gunboat Galena up the James River created the utmost consternation in Petersburg. The fact that she silenced the rebel batteries at Day's Point and was approaching Petersburg, caused a complete panic there. The Petersburg *Express* of the 9th says: "There is a rumor that the Yankees were landing forces yesterday at Burwell's Bay or Smithfield, and their intention will be doubtless to march across the country, a distance of some 16 or twenty miles and take possession of Suffolk." This rumor lacks confirmation.

The Lynchburg *Virginian*, May 8th, says: "Jackson was still at Staunton at last accounts. A report was brought here by an officer of the 18th Mississippi regiment that a detachment, constituting the advance corps of Lovell's army at Swift Run Gap, had been driven in by the enemy, and that a battle was impending. We received intelligence yesterday to the effect that our troops were falling back from Greenbrier to Benson's Depot, in Roanoke county."

The Memphis *Avalanche* of the 6th says: "The telegraphic news from Richmond is painfully significant. McClellan seems to have been preparing the same fate for Richmond that Sidney Johnston got up for New Orleans."

The *Avalanche* also says: "The Congressional stampede from Richmond had a very depressing effect, and it is believed foreshadowed the early evacuation of Virginia. The policy of evacuating is nearly played out. We have but precious little more territory that we can spare."

THE SITUATION AT CORINTH.

The Atlanta *Confederacy* of the 6th says: "Indications are that the battle will be fought at or off Corinth at an early day, which, for magnitude of the forces engaged will eclipse any that ever transpired in America. Reinforcements from Yankee land to nearly 150,000 men. Beauregard is well-nigh flanked on both sides. He has an immense army, but not so large as the enemy. He is relieved of the fear that we have some fears as to the result. There is such a thing as being utterly overwhelmed with numbers, against which we can oppose only valor."

The Memphis *Argus* says the Confederate loss at Shiloh is seven thousand killed and wounded.

The correspondent of the Memphis *Avalanche* says thirty-three per cent. of Bishop Polk's army was killed and wounded at Shiloh.

OUR FORCES AT NEW ORLEANS.

The *Avalanche* of the 7th says: "We have advices from New Orleans up to Saturday at 11 a. m. Gen. Butler has his headquarters at the St. Charles Hotel for his headquarters. The Evans House, on Poydras street, has been converted into a hospital. The Jackson railroad depot was in the possession of our Saturday morning. The Federal pickets have been extended out as far as the crossing of Jefferson and Jackson Railroad. Four gunboats and one transport started for Baton Rouge Saturday morning. Seven Federal regiments had been landed at New Orleans. The newspapers in New Orleans are still published, though a Federal censor is placed over every office to examine all matter and exclude whatever may prove injurious to the Federal cause. The proclamation of Gen. Butler was handed in at all the offices and refused. When the guard came to the *True Delta* office and were refused admittance, a possession and sent for Northern printers, who set it up and worked it off in the edition.

The *Avalanche* of the same date says of affairs in New Orleans: "Mayor Monroe and all the aldermen have been arrested, and on refusing to take the oath of allegiance to Federal distress prevails in the city. Food of all kinds is extremely scarce. Flour not to be had at any price. There is more of the Federal fleet in the lake and less of it now is full of Federal gunboats, mortars and transports."

VICKSBURG, Ms., May 10.—The Mobile *Tribune* of the 6th has dispatches from Jackson, Miss., dated the 2d inst. The *Delta* of Thursday last says business is dull, and money is fully suspended. Most of the banks are closed, and the city everywhere presents a sad appearance. The Post-office remains open, guarded by marines. The telegraph offices are closed, and the railroad travel stopped.

The mutiny at the fort was caused by the late news from Corinth. The officers of the *Delta* says that 300 men mutinied and marched off to the enemy from the fort. One company stood firm. In answer to the Foreign Consul's application for protection, Gen. Lovell has also permission to reach the city on flatboats and skiffs, but no steamers would be allowed.

CAPT. PORTER BELOW MOBILE.

MOBILE, May 9.—The advance of Commodore Porter's fleet, consisting of seven vessels, is off Fort Morgan. Ten more are off Horn Island, moving eastward. They are being closely watched by the rebels, who have erected batteries. Our forces are confident of holding the enemy in check.

RECONNOITERING SAVANNAH.

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 8.—The *Republican* says the Yankees were reconnoitering the river and coast batteries all the morning with a gunboat. A battalion was sent to the mouth of the Augusta Creek, and then descended.

REBEL GUNBOATS A FAILURE.

The Memphis *Argus*, in an article on gunboats, says: "Thus far it must be confessed our attempts with gunboats on the river have been a disgusting fizzle. People know it. So does the Government.

Destructive Conflagration on Long Island—Thousands of Acres Burned over—Loss over Three to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars.

NEW YORK, May 13.—One of the most destructive fires which ever visited Long Island, has been raging for the last four days, destroying a large amount of property. The fire broke out near Stony Brook, on Friday last, and was caused by the burning over of a lot on the farm of Mr. Joel L. G. Smith.

It has swept over an area of at least sixty thousand square acres, principally in the town of Brookhaven, and startled the villagers of Stony Brook, Setauket, Port Jefferson, Mt. Sinai, Coram and Middle Island in the north, the Village, Seeden, Coram, Middle Poland and Mauerville, in the middle, and Patchogue, Bellport, Fireplace, Mastic, Moonches and Onagers, on the south.

It passed some little distance from the villages of the north, while in the center it came so near as to endanger dwellings and human lives.

In the south side they were more severely in the village of Mastic. It swept down to the Great South Bay, where many barns and outbuildings were destroyed.

At Monowell several dwellings were destroyed, and it is said that several lives were lost in attempting to arrest its progress.

A dispatch from Port Jefferson, May 12, says the damage is variously estimated at from three hundred to five hundred thousand dollars.

Additional Foreign News.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The following news by the *Etna* (dates to the 1st) is additional to what was telegraphed yesterday:

The West India mail steamer brought over seventy-five Confederate passengers, the blockade. It is reported that their mission is to purchase warlike stores.

The Great Exhibition would be formally opened the day the steamer left Queenstown. Circumstances looked auspicious. The palm in sculpture is accorded by the *Times* to Story, the American.

The capture of the 97th publish a dispatch from Vera Cruz, dated the 3d of April, stating that France, not approving the convention of Soledo, the French troops at Mexican had returned to Vera Cruz, and would start for the City of Mexico on the 5 h.

Gen. Guyon had been recalled from Rome.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The steamship Juara has arrived.

LIVERPOOL, May 2.—Breadstuffs quiet and nominally unchanged.

Sanitary Supplies for Gen. Hallock's Army—No Discrimination to be Allowed.

The Wisconsin Commission which has been sent with supplies for the upper Tennessee, has left St. Louis, and the reporter of the expedition writes:

The thoroughness with which the commission have done their work so far will, I feel sure, be proudly spoken of by all who are cognizant of their labors. Gen. Wadsworth and Dr. Wolcott have been indefatigable in the selection of medicinal stores, and all the necessary articles for the sick and wounded. The steamer Samuel Gaty, chartered for the transportation of supplies from St. Louis, is a large side wheel steamer. In addition to the stores brought from Wisconsin and nobly contributed by the Chicago Commission, the ship provided at St. Louis with cots hundred mattresses, five or six boxes of medicines, purchased under the direction of Dr. Wolcott, a quantity of lumber for coffins, and a great variety of dear delicacies, such as peaches and tea and thought of at starting, and then loaded with all that made her a hospital ship. Gen. Hallock's headquarters remain for the present at Cairo, and then descended.

Captain Stembel of the Cincinnati shot the pilot of the McRae with a revolver, the boats being almost in contact. He was in return shot by the Captain of the McRae with a musket, the ball entering the heart of Captain Stembel and passing out of at the shoulder. He is considered dangerously hurt.

Mr. Reynolds, Fourth Master of the Cincinnati, was hit in the abdomen with a musket ball.

Alfred Mosier, a private on the same boat, was hit in the thigh. This constitutes the Union loss of men.

The rams were crowded with soldiers armed with rifles or muskets; and as the boats were completely riddled by our cannon, hundreds must have perished. Those on the craft sunk were of course all lost.

The battle lasted over three-quarters of an hour, and was a hardly fought one, the rebels getting the worst of it. The Cincinnati and Mound City, although injured, will be readily repaired.

LATER.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

MISSISSIPPI FLOTILLA, OFF FORT PILLOW,
ON BOARD STEAMER JOHN DICKEY,
May 11, 8 a. m. via Cairo, May 13.

The rebels are reported as in an active state of preparation for a resumption of the fight near the Fort.

A rebel deserter reports that their rams were not sunk, but badly shattered. They are working busily to make good the damage, and promise to be here again this morning. They are fully posted as to the damage done our fleet. An officer of each of the Union boats took an observation yesterday and confirms the reports of the deserter as regards the floating condition of the rams. Our own rams and more gunboats are hourly expected.

Capt. Stembel is not as badly injured as was at first supposed, and hopes are entertained of his recovery. Mosier is suffering greatly.

The rebels have not yet made good their promise to come again and fight the battle over.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune]

WASHINGTON, May 13, 1862.

Mr. Lovejoy's amendment to the Arnold bill, adopted yesterday, before the bill was passed, strikes out the preamble and all except the provisions prohibiting slavery in the Territories or hereafter to be formed. So the act, while it "renders freedom national and slavery sectional," does not "secure freedom to all persons within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States," (as its former title proposed,) because the land occupied by our navy yards and public establishments South is not declared to be free soil.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The Washington dispatch to the New York *Times* says Capt. Boggs, bearer of dispatches from New Orleans, who took his ship to the gallant fight there, has been assigned to the command of the Potomac, a comparatively new vessel of war, carrying 12 guns, now lying at Philadelphia.

The loss of the Norfolk Navy Yard by rebel burning, is much regretted. It will immediately be re-built by the Government.

The military board of Kentucky, who, under the authority of the loyal Legislature of that State practically took all military power out of the hands of Gov. Magoffin, fled rebelward and saved Kentucky to the Union, have sent a deputation to Washington to ask for moderate and conservative action on the part of Congress. They say that the emancipation act of this District, coupled with the general emancipation and confiscation bills still pending, are producing special uneasiness and dissatisfaction in Kentucky, and weakening the hands of the Union men there.

New Advertisements.

CHOICE INVESTMENTS.—I offer some of the finest Lots and Tracts in and about the City, in South, West and North Divisions, and in the Grove North. Very desirable either for occupancy or investment. T. WRIGHT Room 3, Portland Block. my14-1262-1t

ROSEHILL CEMETERY.
SPECIAL TRAIN
To-day (Wednesday) Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad Depot at 2:45 P. M., and return at 4:45 P. M. Fare TEN CENTS each way. All regular trains stop at the Cemetery. J. A. NETHERTON, President. my14-1261-1t

LOST—A Bay Stallion Colt, two years old, from Myrick's Cattle Yards, on the 10th inst., with head mane and tail roached. Any one giving a little white on right hind leg. A suitable reward will be paid by the owner. MOSES WHITE. my14-1262-1t

LOST—A Roll of Bills amounting to $156 was lost about 5 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon in crossing Kinzie street and Milwaukee avenue. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning the same to Henry Sweet, corner of Kinzie and Kingsbury streets. my14-1262-1t

LOST—May 10th, a Black Pony, about 13 or 14 hands high. Any person giving information where he may be found or returning her to my Chair Factory, two blocks north of Milwaukee Avenue on North Western street, will be liberally rewarded. JOHN PHILLIPS. my14-1262-1t

PARTNERSHIP IN PRODUCE AND COMMISSION BUSINESS.—A party just about commencing business in Chicago wishes to form a partner, active or silent, with a large cash capital. The advertiser has some capital, and thoroughly understands the business; can command a good line of produce, and is a man of security, energy and industry. Parties will please address, in the first instance, by letter, stating their name, residence and business, to "Produce," P. O. Box 4,957, Chicago. my14-1262-1t

CAUTION.—My wife, Lydia J. Moody, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting her on my account after this date. THOMAS MOODY.
Harrington, May 12, 1862. my14-1262-1t

IF THE PERSON WHO PICKED up Twelve Dollars near S. O. Griggs & Co.'s Book Store, on Lake street, will return it to the Illinois Central Railroad Ticket Office, foot of Lake street, he will be suitably rewarded and receive the thanks of the owner. my14-1262-1t

$500.—Wanted a third or one more partner in a manufacturing business. A party that would like to be actively employed. Commission, Grain and Feed, or Family Grocery business preferred. Address Box 6,000, Chicago Post Office, and dollars and give Good City references. Address J. K. BOYD. my14-1262-1t

$25,000 TO LOAN ON IMproved City property, in amounts from $5,000 to $10,000 at 10 per cent. per annum. Apply to MOSES H. KIMBALL, Room No. 3 Aiken's Building (up-stairs), adjoining Board of Trade. my14-1262-1t G. B. COOK.

GUARDIAN SALE OF PERsonal Property.—Notice is hereby given that on the fifth day of June, A. D. 1862, I shall sell, for cash, at public auction, at the premises to be sold, the following described personal property, to wit: Four Frame

The Tribune.

SECOND DAY, MAY 14, 1862.

SCHEMES AT CONCEPTION.

Some of our exchanges, particularly those of the pro-slavery stamp, are with great care tracing out the real parentage of boy at Yorktown, after its successful "Michigan Colonel" was in command of a position where a field in which civil rights does were believed to be thickly concealed, was being shelled by his men! he has got safely on the Rebel side struggling. At last, ger comes up to pass the sentry, is refused, and urges that he is a member of Congress, whereupon "the Michigan Colonel" ex presses the sense of origin it would give him to admit Congress to that field, in the hope that the entire body would be blown up, "sent to and the war," a sentiment the Pro-Slavery sheets applaud as a good hit; a very severe thing on Congress. We hope there is not a word of truth in this particular story. It may be true or false; but if such a "Michigan Colonel" there be, we protest the assertion that he is a Pro-Slavery man whose hatred and loathing against Congress grows out of his sympathy with the rebels. He is the very man to have applauded that other Federal officer, of more note, who, some months ago, expressed a burning desire to "turn his guns on Congress."

What is implied in the above expression of the Michigan hero but that he believes Congress and the Government is responsible for the war? And what more treasonable utterance can there be, even in the secret councils of Jeff. Davis? We refer to this obscure paragraph because it has this significance, and is the exponent of a sentiment we wish were not found within our army lines, and applauded among what claims to be the loyal press. It is worthy of notice that neither officers nor newspapers who decry Congress find augbt to blame in the small Vallandigham faction in the House. They were with Bright in sympathy, until his expulsion, and now they swear by the Border State men. The hatred they bear to Congress is because of the progress of free sentiment in that body. They hate Congress because upon Congressmen who do this high and solemn duty will devolve the punishment of traitors, in their penalty the monster slavery will be doomed, and, though tardily, this Congress gives tokens that it will be equal to this trust.

Now we tell these shoulder-strapped heroes, that, much as the country prizes the services of her sons who lay down their lives in the field, yet she has devolved far more sacred responsibilities upon those to whom belongs the work of restoration, the administration of justice to the traitors, the bringing in of peace through the vindication of national power, and finally the laying deeply and firmly the foundations of national stability and permanence hereafter. The crushing out of the armies of treason belongs to our soldiers, and well are our brave volunteers fulfilling this duty. But when the war is over and the last battle alarm has been sounded, the work has but just begun that pertains to Congress, in whose hands rest our national destinies. Military officers who talk sneeringly of Congress forget this, or are actuated by the motives of hostility we impute to them above. To Congress belongs the work of bringing to account faithless public servants, of dragging to the light gigantic frauds, of examining into the loyalty and testing the real services of military men. And these are ungracious offices among the guilty, and to these are to be attributed no small share of the sneers at Congress. We hope "the Michigan Colonel" will do well and win his Brigadier straps in the Virginia campaign, but it will not be in the direction of charging this war or its prolongation upon Congress. Let him set a better example to his men than to tell them that to anybody but the rebels belongs the guilt of this sad war, and let him lead his regiment against these enemies of the nation, forbearing the while to stain his military glory with a libel upon the Government from which he draws his pay the libel set afloat to his harm in the "good hit at Congress" ascribed to him.

THE REASON WHY.

It excited some remark recently that Gen. McClellan in one of his dispatches should ask leave to "follow the example of other Generals and direct the names of battles to be placed on the colors of regiments"

At the first blush nothing seems more proper than that the regiments who have borne their colors to dear bought victory in defence of the Union, should inscribe upon their standards as a perpetual memorial, the names of the fields of their valor. But a little reflection sustains the eminent present and historical propriety of the sentiment embodied in Mr. Sumner's recent resolution in the Senate, which was as follows:

"*Resolved*, That, in the efforts now making for the restoration of the Union and the establishment of peace throughout the country, it is inexpedient that the names of the victories obtained over our own fellow-citizens should be placed on the regimental colors of the National flag."

This means that the war is to end when the supremacy of the Government is re-established, and that thenceforth the work must and should be that of removal of all traces and sources of animosity. The traitors crushed out and punished, and the cause of the rebellion blotted out forever, let the only memorial of the war for the Union be the re-united country, with peace restored throughout its borders. Even as Time and the recurring seasons will efface the desolations of war, and smooth over the scarred battle-fields, so nothing should remain to perpetuate enmity or hatred among the people. It will be enough for all our regiments to have conquered under the Stars and Stripes, and in this National ensign all others should be ed. In a foreign war, Buena Vista, and Monterey, might stand without the sad significance that pertains to Dunelson, Newbern, and Williamsburg, where kindred blood was shed by kinsmen in the civil war, brought upon us by Slavery. Let there be no needless blazon of Union victories. It will be enough that a restored country will perpetuate the fame of the patriot soldiers who fought her battles.

THE SITUATION AT CORINTH.

Will there be a fight at Corinth? is just now the question of all others agitating the public mind. The rumor varies with each day. Now the battle is actually in progress, and then the "most reliable sources" are responsible for the statement that the rebels have abandoned their works and are falling back. Time alone can give the solution of the problem involved in the position of two great armies on the Upper Tennessee. One authority, a military officer with whom we have conversed, who left Gen. Halleck's lines on Wednesday last, expresses what seems to be the unanimous conviction of our army, that the rebels will fight. Says he, "the opposing lines are nine miles long, and every man of ours is confronted by one of theirs." The recent skirmish in Gen. Pope's division is evidence in the same direction. And yet men remember Manassas, and Yorktown, and Fort Henry, and recal how, before this, the rebels have shown a stiff battle front, the while their forces were being rapidly withdrawn. We have another bit of testimony upon the other side which we have not yet seen in print. A gentleman of intelligence, just returned from Pittsburg, and who, during a sojourn of several days had a good opportunity for observation, says that he finds good proof that Beauregard's ultimate design is to abandon Corinth, in the fact that in numerous instances residents of that part of Tennessee who, on the pressing call for recruits for immediate service went into the rebel ranks, are now numerously returning, saying that the army is going South where they are not willing to fight it. Several of these rebel soldiers our informant heard relating all give the same testimony. A few days will solve these doubts, and yet so much hangs on the issue that great anxiety will necessarily be felt until all is over. With a Federal success at that point ends the encounters with rebel armies in the field, and only a broken guerilla warfare can be maintained, short lived, and steadily end in the supremacy of the Union. We will not study the scarcely possible contingency of a reverse, but such would be its importance to the rebel cause in the present crisis that they will not for any ordinary reason remit their exertions to compass it. A few days, however, will bring us the complete result. Let us hope it may be such as will end the campaign, and place the utter hopelessness of the rebel cause unmistakably before the world.

FORWARD TO RICHMOND.

Forward to Richmond at last! That cry will accompany out of the possession of the traitors. The day of retribution has come upon Eastern Virginia. Her absurd pride will aggravate her humiliation; for she must first be brought low before she can rise again to the level of loyal respectability. She must undergo regeneration. She is vain of her ancient renown, now sadly dishonored, and of her "sacred" soil, now daily profaned by the tread of free-soil Yankee legions. Her capital is to her what Paris is to the French. With her doom staring her in the face, it is poor consolation to tell Virginia how it might have been averted.

The storm of war would have passed her by had she not preferred hypocrisy to truthfulness, rebellion to loyalty, and a treacherous alliance with the despotic Gulf States, to an honorable union with the free and powerful commonwealths of the North. Next to Charleston, Richmond takes precedence in the rank of thoroughly disloyal cities. For years it has been a den of conspirators whose trade was plotting against the Republic. Affecting to act with more deliberation and judgment, with more dignity and discretion, than its impulsive sister, it has been the more guilty of the two; for under this guise of innocence, it has committed the same crimes. Charleston boldly avowed the most revolting wickedness, and exulted in it. Richmond has been trying to do the most degrading work of the conspiracy in a dignified and courtly manner. It has been the Robert Macaire of the plot—putting on mock airs and a shabby gentility, while planning the blackest crime of the century. She has aspired to be the capital of rebeldom, the focus of the slaveholders' great conspiracy. She has devoted her whole energies to promote the rebellion and destroy the Republic. She has staked all on the cast of the die, and lost. The Grand Army of the Union is within her gates. The mudsills profane her sacred places with their loyal presence, and the stars and stripes wave over haughty Richmond. But yet there are some loyal and true men in the Capitol of the Old Dominion who have not bowed the knee to Baal.

For their sake she will be spared many humiliations. John Minor Botts, who was rejected by the secession builders, will become the chief corner-stone in the reconstruction of the political edifice; and there are others like him who have passed through the terrible ordeal and come out refined gold. From these roots a Union tree will grow, that will in time overshadow the whole scrub forest of secession and disloyalty.

OPPOSED TO FREE HOMESTEADS.

The passage of the Homestead bill will destroy one source of public revenue, which has been important hitherto, and will be more so hereafter, upon the return of a prosperous condition of the country, but it been left unclouded by the passage of the bill, as connected to the principle and policy of a homestead bill in former years, when other sources of revenue were ample for the wants of the government, we should seriously question the policy of it now, when the public credit rests on the basis it does, we can stand upon, and when the most enormous direct taxation is impending to supply the treasury. But we look with unalloyed satisfaction upon the principle *of free lands.*—*Chicago Times*,

Of course it does. It "doubts" the "wisdom" of anything that has the prefix *free* to it. It believes only in the "wisdom" and divinity of Slavery, and is devoted specially to aiding the secession master in keeping his loyal bondman in servitude. Nothing for the poor white man, and everything for the aristocratic slaveholder, is the maxim of that secession sheet.

The passage of the Homestead bill, so far from "destroying public revenue," as alleged, will largely increase it. The Government, for years, has derived very little income from the sale of public lands. But parcel out the unoccupied National domain in quarter sections to landless men, and the increase of production and consumption of dutiable goods, and the addition to taxable property that will thereby follow, will add to the public income *dollars* where *dimes* would otherwise be obtained, besides enhancing the commerce of the country and promoting the general welfare. The slaveholders have always opposed the Homestead measure, because it would benefit the laboring class, and tend to elevate the "mud-sills" to a position of pecuniary independence. The secession print although sucking its living from the sweat of the poor man's brow, advocates the interests of their enemies. The wonder is that any laboring man is so wanting in self respect as to patronize or countenance that treacherous, snakey sheet. It should be obliged to look to those whom it serves for its grub.

How Large is our Army?

There seems to be great doubt as to the effective strength of our volunteer army. The pay-rolls show 709,000 men; the War Department can't find more than 600,000; and Senator Wilson, Chairman of the Military Committee, believes we have not to exceed 530,000. Where are the other 100,000, or 200,000? It was suggested in the House, the other day, that fraudulent pay-rolls have been forwarded to the Department. Here is a good subject for an Investigating Committee. We believe in Senator Wilson's figures, and they seem to be based upon an estimate like this:

Commanders.	Men.
Gen. McClellan's column	126,000
Gen. Halleck's do	125,000
Gen. McDowell's do	40,000
Gen. Banks's do	35,000
Gen. Fremont's department	30,000
Gen. Hunter's do	20,000
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Gen. Brannan's (Key West, etc.)	10,000
Gen. Sherman's column	15,000
Gens. Curtis and Steele	20,000
Gens. Ord and Pope	20,000
Gen. Hunt's Department of Kansas	5,000
New Mexico and guing	10,000
Gen. Mitchell's column	14,000
Guard duty in Ky. and Tenn	18,000
Guard duty in Missouri	5,000
Guard duty before Island 10	8,000
Guarding prisoners North	7,000
	500,000

Now, from the above there should be deducted ten to fifteen per cent. for soldiers in the hospitals, at home, on furlough, and discharged, for physical incapacity, leaving a total of 440,000 men capable of doing duty. If we stand somewhat, if Halleck's force is known, as we suspect 400,000 effective men. Scores of regiments that marched from home 1,000 strong, can muster now only 300 to 500 men, and few regiments number more than 700 to 800, rank and file. The rebels have suffered the same degree of shrinkage and perhaps worse.

The number of soldiers at home on furlough with sick certificates, is much greater than is generally supposed, and we doubt whether the War Department is aware of how many thousands there are of such. A majority of surgeons and it for easier to give certificates to a couple or three hundred sifting men in a regiment, on which they can obtain leave of absence, than to attend to them in their camp hospital. And it is but natural that those who thus get home should be in no special hurry to get well enough to return, as their pay runs on while absent just the same as when present with their regiment. The order issued last winter to stop recruiting to fill up associated regiments was an unwise one, and has lately been revoked.

Major Genl Appington.

The telegraphic dispatches yesterday announced that Major Appington, of Polo, Ogle county, was shot through the head near Corinth. Major A. was, we believe, a native of Delaware county, N. Y., and emigrated to Buffalo Grove, Ogle county, about the year 1835, where for several years he pursued the avocation of a blacksmith, varied, in the summer season, with jobs of house building. In 1854 he contracted for the building of a section of the Illinois Central Railroad, and was at that time the owner of the principal property of the site of the present town of Polo, which he always affectionately claimed him as his "father." In 1856 he was elected State Senator from the District comprising the counties of Carroll, Ogle, Winnebago and Boone, which post he filled with credit to himself and his constituents. A year ago he enlisted a cavalry company at Polo, was chosen its Captain, and soon attached to the 8th Illinois Cavalry, of which regiment he was elected Major.

Although originally possessing but a limited education, Major Appington by extensive reading, thoroughly posted himself concerning the political history of our country, and did good service for the Republican party in the canvass of 1860. Unassuming and somewhat eccentric in his manners, he was a warm-hearted and generous man, a public-spirited citizen, a kind husband and father, and one whose loss will be deeply felt in the community in which he lived. He leaves a large and interesting family.

Why Yorktown was Evacuated.

A deserter from the rebels, a native of New York, who served in a Confederate artillery company at Yorktown, states that the utmost confidence was felt by General Magruder in the impregnability of the works, which was also entertained by its officers and men. When the news was received of Commodore Farragut having run Forts Jackson and Philip, and the subsequent fall of New Orleans, they began to doubt whether the gunboats could not do likewise at Yorktown. It is said that General Magruder sat down and cried on hearing the news, and his officers all began to desert, while the Louisiana regiments wanted to go home. Magruder, however, opposed the evacuation throughout, but was overruled by Johnston, Lee and Davis.

"No Hope Left."

The Memphis *Argus* is disheartened. It says it Corinth is lost, "the patriotic people of the Southwest, who have so nobly contributed to the establishment of Southern independence, may as well relinquish their hope of success and prepare to quietly yield a quiet submission to Northern despotism. With an enemy's army at our right, untrammeled and unimpaired, with New Orleans in possession of the Lincolnites, and their victorious boats descending the river above us, and with another force penetrating the wilds of Arkansas, seeking to reach this point, there is really no hope left."

The Colliers' Strike at Pottsville.

A Philadelphia correspondent of the New York *Herald* gives an interesting history of the causes which have led to the strike of the coal miners in Schuylkill county, Pa., which he says is a matter of annual occurrence, although this year it assumed an appearance of determination, riot and disorder it never had before. The dissatisfaction is stated to originate in the tyranny of raising capitalists, both in respects low wages and the manner in which earnings are paid. The average amount of wages is five dollars per week, which is seldom paid in cash, but in "orders" on storekeepers in the employment of the mining companies, where they must take goods at the company's scale of charges. Such is the state of things represented by the writer that families can hardly obtain the necessaries of life. During the winter families of eight persons have had to subsist on three dollars, out of which had to come their rent and the oil consumed while at work. Under these circumstances the sympathies of the masses are with the strikers, although their disorderly action is condemned. It is said to be caused only by a few turbulent men. The difficulty has been settled; but the mine owners declare that the advanced prices will ruin them. The Forest Improvement Company is working mainly upon Government orders, and if it sees wages demanded are paid, the capitalists say they cannot fulfill the contracts, which name a certain amount of money per ton. The damage to the mines has been considerable.

Truth Well Told.

Following in the fashions set by the London *Times*, the Canadian papers have snarled at our Government ever since the war broke out, and now that the *Times* draws in its horns, they again follow suit and become placable. One Montreal journal finds place for two stinging letters from correspondents in the United States, in which some plain words are spoken. Here is the concluding passage of one of these epistles:

"The people that can raise and equip such armies in a few months as the last three years of war without a model in a hundred days, and win twenty or thirty victories in the same time, can take care of themselves, and preserve their national integrity, their national honor and their national reputation and prosperity beyond doubt.

"Though not a prophet, I will venture the prediction, that within the lives of some now living, perhaps in yours, sir, this nation, one and inseparable as now, will contain within its borders one hundred and fifty millions of human beings, and not a slave. That result may require some reverses and sacrifices. But it is a necessity and must be accomplished.

"One other prediction: If the Canadians ever again insist on a fight with us, they will get it. Not that we want Canada or a quarrel, or a reciprocity treaty; but that a people so humane and generous as ours cannot bear to see a neighbor 'utterly spoiling for want of a fight.'"

The Brutality of the Rebels.

A correspondent of the Boston *Traveller*, with the 22d Regiment, writes under date of Yorktown, May 5, as follows:

Over a dozen men in our division were killed yesterday by the fiendish acts of the brave chivalry of the South, and it is a miracle that more were not. Gen. F. J. Porter had a narrow escape with his life. His horse stepped upon one of these torpedoes, exploding the powder, but failing to ignite the charge of the shell. The General dismounted and had the infernal destroyer dug up, and it now lies in front of his headquarters. It is a hundred pound shell, and would have deprived our country of one of its best officers, had the powder ignited.

Earlier in the day General Jameson had a similar escape while in the works with the advance. A member of Berdan's sharpshooters, who was killed near his rifle-pit, beyond our outposts several days ago, lay in the field where he first fell. The rebels had come out, taken his repeating rifle, and planting four or five of those torpedoes around the spot where he lay, doubtless anticipated a serious explosion and loss of life when our men prepared to carry him. There are numerous sad incidents related of the effects of these more than brutal machines.

NASHVILLE ITEMS.

Rebel Prisoners Coming in—Cotton—The Union Cull.

[From the Union, 10th.]

Gen. Dumont reached the city last evening, bringing with him about 180 prisoners taken in the fight at Lebanon on last Monday. He did not succeed in capturing Morgan himself, but got his mare and servant, and came very near capturing him. We learn from an eye witness and participator in the fight, that for about one hour and a half the firing was terrific, when the rebels broke and the Federals pursued them for about thirteen miles, killing about sixty of them and taking some 150 horses.

Cotton continues to come in freely. Hon. Allen A. Hall informs us that he has issued permits for near 3,000 bales up to the 30th ult. Were it not for the threats and violence of rebel marauding bands, this quantity would be increased enormously. We trust that active and severe military measures will soon remove all obstructions to this trade, which is of much more moment by the producers of Tennessee than by any consumers in the world.

The following is the call for the great Union meeting at Nashville, which bears the signatures of several hundred well-known Tennesseans:

The undersigned respectfully request their fellow-citizens of the State of Tennessee, who are in favor of the restoration of the former relations of this State to the Federal Union, to be present at a public meeting to be held at the Capitol, in the city of Nashville, on Monday, the 12th day of May, 1862.

The Dead of the Twenty-Eighth Illinois.

A letter from Pittsburg Landing says:

"Of all that have died and been buried at Pittsburg, none rest in a more romantic place, or have been more carefully buried, than the dead of the Twenty-eighth Illinois. This regiment was one of those on the left of our line, where the enemy had made such attempts (efforts by the 6th inst. but all failed as to destroy or drive off the steamers and get into the rear of our other divisions. But the cool courage of our men foiled them in every attempt. The very small number of the dead in this part of the field attest the sanguinary nature of the contest that was maintained here. After the battle the Twenty-eighth Illinois appropriated an Indian mound near their camp, for their own dead, and surrounded it with a burial place. The mound is on the highest part of the ground in the vicinity, and is about ten feet above the level, and about eighty feet square on the top. On this the graves are made side by side, in rows, each one having the occupant's name placed at the head, with company and place of residence. It is a sweet resting place, surrounded with wild flowers, and when I was last there many of the soldiers were transplanting violets and other wild flowers to decorate the last resting-place of their brave comrades.

The Contrabands in Washington.

[From the Washington Republican, 13th.]

Large numbers of the contrabands in this city are finding good places in this District. Any person needing help is permitted to make a bargain with each contraband he may select, and the Government agent looks it over simply to see that the fugitive is now employed. The schools established among the contrabands are in a prosperous condition, and there is a fair prospect that, in a short time, the Government will be relieved wholly of the care of these poor people. If it were not for the fact that large numbers of them continue to flock in from the rebellious portions of Virginia, there would not be very many remaining at Duff Green's row soon.

☞ Col. Leonidas Metcalf made a thorough going Free Soil speech at Crofton, Ky., a few weeks since, and having also been instrumental in enabling W. T. Coleman, a fugitive rebel, to Fort Lafayette, the latter shortly sent him to a fowl. It was fought at Dover, Ky., on the 8th, and Castle was shot through the heart.

The Tribune.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, MAY 12, 1862.

The Capture of New Orleans.

THE EVACUATION BY THE REBELS.

Scenes and Incidents of Federal Occupation.

FLAG OFFICER FARRAGUT'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

[From the N. Y. Herald, 10th.]

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SHIPPING BY THE REBELS.

The river was filled with ships on fire, and all along the levee were burning cotton. The less than eighteen vessels being on fire at one time, and the enemy were firing others as fast as they could apply the torch. Each rebel ram was set on fire as she left the wharf, and thick with smoke, and the air hot with flames. It was a grand but sad sight. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property was being wantonly destroyed. At the levee just by the Custom House, by a burning raft (the Anglo Norman.) The unfinished frames of two gunboats next on the stocks of Messrs. Jones & Phillip, and the subsequent fall of New Orleans, they began to doubt whether the gunboats could not do likewise at Yorktown. It is said that General Magruder sat down and cried on hearing the news, and his officers all began to desert, while the Louisiana regiments wanted to go home. Magruder, however, opposed the evacuation throughout, but was overruled by Johnston, Lee and Davis.

THE FIRST VIEW OF THE CAPTURED CITY.

The view from our decks was one such as will never be in all human probability be witnessed again. A large city in our enemy's. Its levee was crowded by the excited mob. The smoke of the piles of millions worth of cotton and shipping of the richest commercial people. While men were hastening up the levee, firing ships and river craft as fast as possible, the people were rushing to and fro in search of their dearest for the Union, when they were fired upon by the crowd. Men, women and children were armed with pistols, knives, and all manner of weapons. Some Southwest, who have so nobly contributed to the establishment of Southern independence, may as well relinquish their hope of success and prepare to quietly yield a quiet submission to Northern despotism. With an enemy's army at our right, untrammeled and unimpaired, with New Orleans in possession of the Lincolnites, and their victorious boats descending the river above us, and with another force penetrating the wilds of Arkansas, seeking to reach this point, there is really no hope left."

CAPTAIN BAILEY GOES ON SHORE.

At two o'clock Captain Bailey went on shore, flying a flag of truce, to communicate with the authorities. As the boat drew near the levee the mob cursed the flag and everything pertaining to it. It was with the greatest difficulty that the naval officers reached the City Hall, where the City Council, the Mayor, and Major General Lovell were awaiting the arrival of our commissioners.

THE DEMAND FOR THE SURRENDER OF THE CITY AND REPLY.

Flag Officer Farragut sent word to the authorities that he demanded the surrender of the city of New Orleans, and assured them of the protection of the "Old Flag." The city being under martial law, the civil authorities, of course, could do nothing; but Major General Lovell, with his usual bluster, said he would not, and, with all the bluster he could make, said, "Sir, I will never surrender the city." He was politely informed that the city was in our power, and that as we regarded the wanton destruction of property, we would not disturb them, *provided they made no demonstration against us.* After some talk Lovell agreed to evacuate the city with his troops (from eight to fifteen thousand), and turn the city over to the civil authorities, and that they might do as they pleased. The interview was carried on with dispatch and Captain Bailey and Lieut. Perkins, his aid, took a carriage and returned to their boat. On the route they were insulted, pistols pointed in their faces, and all manner of indignities offered to them. The officer in charge of the boats, Acting Master Morton—was the recipient of all manner of insults, but suffered no bodily harm.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE OTHER REBEL RAM.

Just before Capt. Bailey reached the levee, the ram Mississippi came floating down the river, wrapped in flames. She was a terrible looking affair, having eight guns on each side and two at each end—twenty in all. Ten days more and she would have been completed, and I think she would have driven us out of the river, sinking every vessel we had. She resembled the Merrimac somewhat, but I think she would have been more formidable. The enemy attempted to tow her up the river, but finding we were sending vessels to capture her, they set her on fire.

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE CAPTURE OF THE CITY.

A boat from the ship was along the levee to seize all the steamers for transportation purposes, and in company with several people report, that on Thursday night the panic broke out in the city, and all the cotton was brought out and set on fire, and that the mob could scarcely restrain from firing the public buildings and then the private dwellings. It was a night not equalled by anything even in the French Revolution.

A band of desperadoes had charge of affairs, and they were backed by Lovell, who, however, denies it; but he is accountable for the destruction of property, as he set the example by firing his own cotton first. A ram lay by the levee, partially sank, and her wood work was on fire. The mob rushed on board to burn the Algiers side of the river. I am unable to obtain the details of the loss by fire to shipping and cotton. It will be weeks before it can be ascertained, and I have a right to suppose that we will never be able to give the full particulars of the wanton destruction of property which has occurred in and around this city during the last few days.

DEMORALIZATION OF THE REBEL ARMY.

The rebel army in this vicinity are panic stricken, and it is reported the most disorderly scenes have occurred within the last twenty-four hours. I am unable to find a single person who thinks himself qualified to give an accurate statement of the scenes through which we have just passed and witnessed.

THE MODERATION OF THE VICTORS.

But I must say, that although our way has been marked by a terrible loss on the side of the enemy, we have fought fairly, and on our part, we have endeavored to ameliorate all the affairs of the enemy as much as possible. We have been defied, insulted, annoyed and threatened in every possible manner, yet always a spirit of forbearance has been manifested on our part. Our foes are ungenerous and unkind. We had no idea of disturbing their social confidence in dealing with their regular business affairs, but we must insist that our flag shall be respected and the rights of Union loving people vindicated. It is not in the province of naval officers who are bound by specific orders to interfere with duties which have been particularly assigned to our military officers. We then must wait. We can get Gen. Butler here with his troops. In the meantime we must expect to see mob law rule in the city. To-night we are anchored on the Algiers side of the river, with our guns bearing on the town, and the crew with side arms are prepared to receive the enemy, if in any manner he may attempt to resume his authority in this quarter. But we have no fear on this score, though 'tis always well to be prepared for any emergency. The authorities were warned this afternoon if they allowed any more fire-rafts or other engines of war to molest us, we would repay their temerity by knocking their city down, and we could do it in less than a half hour.

THE DESOLATE CITY.

After dark I went on deck to see New Orleans by gas light. How changed the scene! A little over twelve months ago miles of shipping lined the levee; the buildings hid behind the forests of masts and rigging of vessels bearing the banners of all nations of the world. None were here now. The busy hum of workmen, and the cheery song of the sons of Africa, who worked at night, was not to be heard. No blazing puff of steamers going and coming to and from the cities on the banks of the great river. No ships—no signs of life were present now. A few gas lights were burning along the levee, and the dull rumbers and heavy smoke gave proof of a reign of anarchy and terror. The buildings were wrapped in a sombre light, and felt that it was a city clothed in sackcloth and ashes.

It was a mournful sight, and we trust never to see its like again. Tired and weary we sank to rest with our arms by our side, not knowing but that before morning we would be obliged to again imbue our hands in the blood of our fellow countrymen. Nor could we tell but that bands of reckless individuals would endeavor to pick off our men with the deadly Minie ball.

OFF NEW ORLEANS, April 28, 1862.

A RETROSPECT.

Nothing occurred during the night to disturb us, and when morning came we looked upon the last two days as a fearful dream. Scarcely any one could realise the full extent of our escape from utter destruction. From four o'clock on Thursday morning up to Saturday noon we have passed and received the fire of over two hundred guns in heavy forts, the fire of thirteen steamers, an immense fleet of ram, been on fire three times, taken a camp of sharpshooters, taken two batteries with eighteen guns, and are now off the city of New Orleans. All that is not some work for less than forty-eight hours, then pray tell me what work is.

Ships were never fought or handled better than we fought, and all other naval encounters with forts on batteries dwindle into insignificance. I was a participant in the Port Royal affair, but that was a mere skirmish compared with the fight of Thursday morning, and the fight of last Saturday noon nearly compares with the Port Royal affair.

ARRIVAL OF GENERAL BUTLER.

General Butler arrived this afternoon from Quarantine station. He passed on up the river to see the Flag Officer, and he gave us no news of his successes.

THE FRENCH WAR VESSELS ARRIVE.

At five o'clock the French war steamer Milan came up the river. He congratulated us, to use his own words, "Oh our pleasant and perilous journey up to the great city of Said the commander: "It is the greatest achievement of the age and in history." He brings us the most intelligence of the safety of the gunboats Varuna, Kenaubec and Itasca. The latter had a shot put through her boilers, and was obliged to put back, without loss of life. The two former ran on a purpose raft, and lay there, long after daylight, a target for the enemy's guns; but, strange to say, though riddled with shot, they finally arrived safely at Quarantine station, in this condition, and returned to their old anchorage. Only two were killed on board of the three vessels. As yet we have no further news in relation to them.

General Butler has troops at Quarantine station, and will, as I understand, land a force each day until we have a large army in and about the city of New Orleans. This to us is glorious news. The French commander says he will surrender as soon as they can hear from the forts. At a late hour this evening the Flag Officer and General Butler returned on board.

A VALUABLE PRIZE, AND WHAT IT CONTAINED

A letter was received to-day under the following head: "Steamship Mississippi, July 24 in a small boat, pulled by a boatman, came off to one of the ships and inquired if there was a person named Mr. Clellan; at the same time she gave the Captain a wink which put him up to the game. He replied in the affirmative, and accordingly a letter was passed up. It contained thirty or forty yards, the ram dodged the Mississippi and ran on shore, when the latter opened her broadside into her, knocked away her smoke stack, and then sent on board of her. But she was deserted and riddled, and after a while she drifted down the stream full of water. She was the last of the eleven we destroyed.

The larger ram was still at Fort Jackson, but they say here she will soon down before the guns of the fleet, and that the cannon stem to stern will have to surrender with the forts, which I hope will be to-day or to-morrow. I will give them my attention as soon as I can finish the affairs of the city.

I have decided that the surrender of the city yesterday of the Mayor, through Capt. Bailey, is the second in command. His reply was that the city was under martial law, and he would consult Gen. Lovell. His Lordship said he would surrender nothing, but at the same time he would retire and leave the Mayor unmolested.

This morning the Mayor sent his Secretary and the Chief of Police to see me and say that he would wait upon me by 10 o'clock, and give me an answer; that the General had retired, and that he had resumed the duties of his office as Mayor, and would do doubt do his best to protect property exposed to the destruction of property. I sent him by his Secretary the letter No. 1, (copy enclosed.) I also sent him a letter demanding the surrender of the city, in conformity with the demand made by me yesterday through Captain Bailey, (copy No. 2.)

This morning at six A. M. I sent to Captain Morris, whose ship commanders the Mint, to take possession of it and hoist the American flag thereon, which was done, and the people cheered it. Master Lyon, on shore again and ordered Lieut. Norris, of the navy, and Lieut. Brown of the marines, with a marine guard, to hoist the flag on the Custom House; but the orders were countermanded, and I sent the Mayor and Councilmen thought it would produce a conflict and great loss of life.

At 11 a signal was made to the fleet for Dyer service, order a general order, (copy No. 3.)

April 29th, in the afternoon, having been informed that there were two forts eight miles above the city, at a place called Carrollton, I determined to take a look at them and demolish them. We accordingly ran up, but to our surprise we found the gun-carriages all on fire, and upon examination found the guns all spiked. It was a most formidable work for Foote to encounter on his way down, but we took it in the rear. They had also a long line of defenses extending back from the river to Lake Pontchartrain, both above and below the city, on which were twenty-nine and thirty guns each.

Immediately on getting above the forts, I sent Capt. Boggs, who is now deprived of a command by the sinking of his ship, (which he had so nobly defended,) down to Captain Porter, through the bayou at quarantine, directing him to demand the surrender of the forts. His demand was at first refused, but the soldiers told their officers that we were in their rear, and that they would not be sacrificed. So this morning the gallant Bailey brought us the forts and guns. Captain Boggs, Captain Harrison, that the forts had surrendered, the ram blown up, and that the American flag floats over both forts.

I have sent word to Gen. General Butler's troops to come up and occupy this city, and will soon be off for Mobile. Depend upon it we will keep the stampede upon them.

I send Captain Bell with this letter of dispatches. He has done his work nobly, and that white suffering under an infirmity which required attention and repose.

I am, very truly and respectfully, your friend and obedient servant,

D. G. FARRAGUT, Flag Officer,
Western Gulf Blockading Squadron.

THE BATTLE OF THE FORTS.

Incidents of the Naval Fight on the Mississippi—Our Chain-Plated Vessels.

The official reports of Commodore Porter and others, have told the whole story of the battle of the forts at the mouth of the Mississippi; but the following incidents of the fight, from the correspondence of the Boston *Journal*, are interesting:

CUTTING THE CHAIN ACROSS THE RIVER.

On Sunday night the gunboats Pinola and Itasca went up, under command of Flag Captain Bell, to cut the chain. The Pinola struck the chain, but the Itasca was instantly filled with deeply interested, and after striking a sunken wreck she succeeded in reaching one of the hulks, to which Mr. Krochl, the experimenter attached a heavy petard. The wire connecting it to the battery on board of the steamer was coiled up on deck, but the current ran so strong, and the Pinola drifted so rapidly, that the wire was broken and the attempt failed. In the meantime the Itasca ran up to one of the hulks on the east side of the river, when Acting Masters Edward Jones and Andrew Johnson, with eight men, boarded the schooner, and in half an hour succeeded in unshackling the chain from the moorings and dropping it down.

The following letter from Captain Caldwell, of the Itasca gives an account of the affair:

* * * "The operator on board the Pinola did not succeed in blowing up the chain, as the connecting wire broke when the vessel was blown up, as the current pressed the Pinola upon her with such force as to break half an inch chain. The Itasca took the next schooner, and in half an hour slipped the chains, but unfortunately before she could get through a strong current cast her over on to the east shore, grounding the schooner lashed to her and running the Itasca's forecastle into the mud, while she remained nearly two hours exposed to the fire of both forts. The Pinola parted two 5 inch hawsers in trying to pull her off, but at last started her with an 11-inch hawser. After running down some shore, the others swung most favorably, leaving a wide passage for the fleet. On Wednesday night, Captain Caldwell, with about 100 men, went up with the Itasca's men, pulled up to the schooners after dazs to make a final reconnoissance of the schooners, and found the channel more than sufficiently wide and entirely unobstructed.

"The rebels had lighted a fire on the east bank to expose everything attempting to pass up; but the boat, with muffled oars, passed safely up, and with all their obstructions at hand, before they could hear the orders given at the fort, and hear the men calling and sailing very loudly about some distance off. They went carrying on one side the fort. The boat then returned and made the usual signal, by the light of the rebel's quick number, two white and one red lanterns. This was a preconcerted signal with the Flag Officer, in order that we time should be found. Soon after the flag ship hoisted another preconcerted signal, two red lanterns. This was to get under weigh, prepare for battle, and push up and run by the forts. Hours the fleet performed one of the most wonderful and brilliant feats ever performed any navy, and made the glorious passage of the forts.

CHAIN-CLAD SLOOPS-OF-WAR.

The most conspicuous feature in the outward appearance of the fleet was the iron-linked mail of the sloops-of-war Richmond, Brooklyn and Pensacola, each of which had their engines and boilers protected by chain-cables hung in bites on the outside and triced to iron bolts and ring-bolts running fore and aft. The chains were dropped from the height of the gun-deck to below the water-line, and connected together by strong eye-bars. This was in addition to their iron plates, provided it withstood the effect of glancing or oblique shots.

The only danger apprehended from the chains on the steamers was from raking shot tearing them off, in which case it was feared they would become entangled with the propellers. To guard against this, one of the ships was unshackled the chain in short lengths, so that it might reach astern. The machinery of the Iroquois was protected in the same way, the credit of originating which scheme is due to Assistant Engineer Hoyt of the Richmond, upon which ship it was first adopted, the other vessels following her example.

Among the many effects of the internal arrangements for the protection of the boilers, destruction of which by a shot or shell was the most to be dreaded, although this was not the only dangerous point of the ships was that adopted on board the sloop of war Mississippi, the machinery of which, being more above the water line, was consequently more exposed to the fire of the enemy. The preparation of this ship for the action involved an immense amount of labor, which engaged her officers and crew for weeks before the attack. Under the direction of Chief Engineer Lardon, Mr. Bartleman, the First Assistant, worked night and day with a fervor, and to such good purpose, temporary roof in the coal bunkers just below the water line, about which the heavy chain cables of the ship were packed in layers, running fore and aft. The ends of the shaft of the Mississippi were protected by four bales of bagging on the outside of each wheel. The bows of several of the ships, including the Richmond and Hartford, were protected by sandbags piled up beneath the forecastle, and intended to be removed at the first sign of the coming shot, after the ships should have passed the forts. I alluded in a former letter to the log packing of the bolters of the gunboat Owasco. The bulkheads of other gunboats were strengthened in like manner, and also by sand bags, and the coal bunkers of all being kept full, supplied the want of extra barriers to shot and shell. From the moment the sloop-of-war Portsmouth arrived in the river, her officers and crew were engaged in putting the ship in fighting trim. The spar deck was constructed of her sheet chains, for the protection of her bow against a raking fire, and spread a complete spar netting of strong ropes to prevent her lofty spars, cut away by cannon balls, from falling on deck.

The Press of New Orleans.

Six daily papers have survived the "bad times" which New Orleans has passed through, viz: the *Picayune*, *Delta*, *True Delta*, *Crescent*, *Bulletin*, and *Sun*. Of these, the *True Delta* and *Sun*, (the latter half French and half English,) have all along manifested some regard for the old Union, and strangely enough

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The Tribune.

CHICAGO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1862.

THE CITY.

☞ Attention is called to the advertisement of Dr. Bell's medical infirmary, in another column.

Personal.—Rev. E. M. Humphrey, of this city, is announced to deliver the address at at the Anniversary of Lake Theological Seminary, to-day, at Chesterville.

Business Activity.—We notice large additions and shipments of goods by Bowen Bros., 77 and 79 Lake street, indicating that the goods they advertise are worthy the attention of cash buyers.

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Steam Tug Sunk.—The steam tug E. B. Ward sank in the South Branch yesterday afternoon. It collided with the brig Susan A. Clark, in the Madison street draw, one of the anchor flukes of the brig piercing the tug below the water line. She ran a short distance, rapidly filled and sank.

Resignation of an Actor.—Mr. G. D. Chaplin, long and favorably known as one of the stock company at McVicker's Theatre, resigned yesterday, and left for New York last night. He has an engagement at the Winter Garden, where his excellent theatrical abilities will command for him an eminent position.

The Garroting Case.—A young man named Jacob Richmond was arrested yesterday, by officer Perry, charged with being an accomplice in the late garroting case at the grave of Douglas. He was committed to jail in default of $800 bail to await trial at the Recorder's Court.

The Picture Sale.—The sale of pictures at 54 Dearborn street will be held this evening at 7½ o'clock. These pictures attracted a large number of visitors during the day yesterday, and we doubt not, when the sale takes place, there will be plenty of purchasers present. The room will be open to-day to visitors from 10 o'clock A. M.

Burial of a Soldier.—John Clooman, the member of the Irish Brigade, who died on Saturday of pneumonia, was buried yesterday with military honors. Although a private, he had attained a marked distinction in his regiment for his bravery and soldierly qualities. He was formerly in the regular service, and passed honorably through the Mexican war.

Raised Notes.—One dollar bills on the Citizens' Bank of Pittsburgh have been extensively altered to 5's and 10's, and put into circulation in Cleveland and Cincinnati. Some of them may soon be offered here, and caution will be required in taking such. The vignette of the genuine 1's, altered as above, is: Females seated each side of an anvil; "Citizen's Bank" in a semi-circle above.

Fine Wheat and Rye.—R. B. Stone, Route Agent upon the Illinois Central Railway, has furnished us with some wheat from the field of W. L. Pierce, Centralia, Marion county, and some rye from the farm of T. J. Johnson of the same place. The stalks are fully five feet and a half in height, the heads full and plump and promise a splendid harvest. These are fair representations of the crop down in Egypt we may predict a season of unusual plenty.

Personal.—Ira M. Gifford and Dr. L. J. Centre, of Iowa, arrived at the Sherman House last evening. These gentlemen have been constituted by Gov. Kirkwood a commission to proceed to Pittsburg Landing to look after the sick and wounded of the Iowa soldiers. No better soldiers have been sent to the battle field than those from Iowa, and we are glad to witness the interest which the excellent Governor of that State takes in their welfare.

Personal.—Robert Kennicott, son of Dr. Kennicott of "The Grove," and an eminent naturalist, who is traveling in the northern British Possessions, collecting specimens for the Smithsonian Institute and the Audubon Club of this city, has been heard from at Fort Anderson, far within the Polar Arc, under date of July, 1861. He purposes visiting the Arctic Coast in July, and then starting for home the first of August, reaching here in December. Every facility has been extended to him by the British Government to prosecute his researches, in which he has been eminently successful.

Mr. Everett's Lecture.—The lecture of Hon. Edward Everett upon "The Origin and Character of the War," will be given this evening at Bryan Hall. The Young Men's Association have, only after repeated efforts, been able to secure the services of Mr. Everett to lecture in this city. In this, as in their previous efforts, they are doing all they can to introduce for our instruction the best talent of the country. We need hardly say that Mr. Everett should be greeted with a large audience. This is eminently due to the man and his talents. Tickets can be had at the principal hotels and bookstores.

The Zingari Cricket Club.—A meeting of the new Cricket Club was held at the Tremont House last evening, and the following gentlemen were elected officers for the season: President, James Stinson; Vice President, George Mc Koand; Secretary, J. J. Kearney; Treasurer, George G. Street; Executive Committee, Thos. B. Leckie, M. R. Monsarrat, Charles Laycock.

It was decided that the practice days during the season should be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, in the afternoon from three to eight o'clock. Uniform and other matters having been decided upon, the meeting adjourned.

Arrest of a Youthful Burglar.—John Roche, a youth of about fifteen years of age, was arraigned at the Police Court yesterday, on a charge of burglary. From the evidence of William H. Fuller and his wife, the complaining witnesses, it appears that, on Sunday evening, they were away from home, and upon returning about ten o'clock found the doors open, which had been locked previous to their departure, and, upon entering the house, discovered the lad Roche. Unable to give satisfactory answers in regard to the object of his unceremonious visit, a policeman was sent for who arrested him. He was bound over to the Recorder's Court in the sum of $5,000.

A Dastardly Outrage.—A few evenings since, two ruffians entered a cottage upon West Lake street, about four blocks from Union Park, where a lady was sitting alone engaged in sewing. She politely asked them what they wanted. Not giving her any answer, she desired them to leave the house. One of the villains sprang at her and struck her upon the mouth. Nothing daunted by the nonplus countable and cowardly attack, she seized a large water pitcher and broke it over the head of the one who had struck her. They then attempted to leave, but had only reached the gate when they were met by the lady's husband, who administered a sound thrashing to both the rascals. They escaped cheaply.

Bullard Lawd Books.—A young lad, only seventeen years of age, named Jacob Wagner was fined twenty dollars in the Police Court yesterday for selling lewd books and songs. He had issued circulars of the vilest description, advertising the books and songs, and had distributed them throughout the brothels of the city, but unfortunately for himself had left some of them at respectable houses. These were handed to Superintendent Bradley, and he promptly laid a trap which snared the young man just in time. Mr. Bradley mailed a letter enclosing money to the address of the circular, from Fulton City, and received a book in return. A second letter was mailed from the same place to the same address. The Post Office was then watched and just as the young man took out the letter an officer took him into custody. On account of his tender years the Court assessed the lowest fine under the ordinance!

McVicker's Theatre.—It is seldom a play is presented to the public, giving a better opportunity for display than the one now performing at McVicker's Theatre, "The Lion of St. Mare." In its construction it is truly French, and has a plot which cannot be foreseen, while it delights the beholder with its gradual unfolding in each act. It may truly be called a great play, and must take its place among the standard dramatic works, at least while the prominent character is rendered by Mr. Coulduck, whose power and pathos are of the highest order. Miss Hoomer and Mr. Myers have characters but little inferior to the principal, and most ably do they sustain them, while their support by the other members of the company is all that could be desired. The stage appointments are excellent and the play should attract a large audience during the remainder of Mr. Coulduck's engagement which terminates this week.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

Transfers of Property.

Transfers in real estate continue to increase as the season advances. Every day adds confidence in this kind of security. The strong chest, which for years has remained in times of distrust, is being unlocked, and brought forward we may look for better times. It is through this channel, more than any other, that we look for a general distribution of capital among the masses.

The number of buildings already erected and now nearly completed, has set afoot thousands of dollars to the great relief of the community, and the work of improvement is going forward with renewed vigor. The heavy building has just begun, mechanics are now clearing away the rubbish in preparation for more important improvements. Old Dearborn street, between Washington and Madison streets, a large block of stores will be erected during the year. On the North side, at the corner of Clark and Indiana streets, three brick stores are contracted for, and will speedily go up. These, together with a large number of others equally important, will add much to the appearance of the city, as well as employ thousands of men in their construction, who in turn will help swell the amount of the retail trade, and thus keep the wheels of commerce moving ground with steady pace.

We continue our report of the transfers of property as affording an index to the magnitude of the real estate business. The transfers date from May 7th to May 10th:

Henry B. Brown to Henry Greenebaum—Trust Deed dated May 7th, 1862; consideration $1,000; lot 4, of subd'n of lot 9, R. 9, 38, S. E. ¼, sec 21, T. 39, R. 14.

Hosman B. Chase to Frederick Kabala—Mortgage dated May 1st, 1862; consideration $4,000; W. ½ of E. ½ of lot 6, Block 31, Old Town.

John Hall to Wm. H. Bushnell—Agreement, date January 1st, 1861; consideration $480; W. ½ of S. E. ¼ of Sec. 28, T. 43, R. 13.

Henry B. Brown to C. D. M. Carr—Deed, dated April 14, 1862; consideration $1,950; lots 3, 4, 5, 7, and 26, Block 1, Hagan & Brown's addition.

Hosman B. Chase to Rachel Hall—Deed dated December 23, 1861; consideration $500; part of lot 3, Block 19, Old Town.

Chas. E. Chase to Sam. E. Sawyer—Mortgage, date May 7, 1862; consideration $1,000; lot 10, block 69 Carpenter's addition.

John D. Ager to Charles D. Knox—Deed, date April 10th, 1862; consideration $750; lot 5, block [illegible] Hagan & Brown's addition.

John Demster to John Mitchell—Deed, 26th July, 1859; consideration $160; lot 4 and 5, block 66, Same to Wm. Gauthor—Deed dated 7th May, 1862; sub lot 3 of lot 154.

Same to Henry Keller et al—Deed dated May 7, 1862; sub lot 4 of lot 134; consideration $600, all Butterfield's Addition.

Mathew Laflin to Robert B. Otis—Agreement dated 17th November, 1861; consideration $1,750 of certified sale.

Peter Emerick et al to Jacob Kaufman—Deed dated May 7th, 1862; consideration $300; lot 8, block 51, of Sec. 33, T. 40, R. 14.

Daniel Egan to L. P. C. Freer—Trust Deed dated 6th May, 1862; consideration $4,838; part block 44, School Section Addition.

Samuel P. Barrington to Geo. E. Shipman—Deed dates 30th January, 1862, consideration $1; lot 4 to 8, block 13 of Franklin Lombard.

Thomas Freeman et al to Franklin Lombard—Deed dated May 6, 1862; consideration $1,650; lot 2, 5, 8, 15 and 16, of lot 197, 198 and 251, and lot 50 feet of block 200, Bronson's Addition.

Michael Thebeau to Jacob Kaufman—Deed, date 7th May, 1862; consideration $300; lot 8, block 51 of Sec. 33, T. 40, R. 14.

Wm. & Wm. H. Fisher to Geo. Russell—Mortgage, dated May 1st 1862; consideration $350; part of Sec. 14, T. 39, R. 13.

Gotlieb Guenther to Elias Greenbeaum—Trust Deed, dated May 6 1862; consideration $1,000; undivided of lot 1, block 21, School Section Addition.

Louis Garfield to Alfred Parsons—Deed dated March 7th, 1862; consideration $1,000; part of N.W. ¼ of Sec. 4, T. 43, R. 14.

Wm. S. Johnston to Samuel Johnston—Deed dated December 31st, 1861; consideration $1,000; lot 8 in. of lot 36, block 33, and part of block 39 of Johnston, Rogers & Ewar's Addition.

Allen C. Lewis to Geo. Rae—Deed May 3, 1862; consideration $250; lot 39 to 50, block 5, Samsons & Green's addition.

Master in Chancery to Chas. P. Williams—Deed dated May 5, 1862; consideration $8,000; part N.W. ¼ of Sec. 29, T. 40, R. 14.

Master in Chancery to Lewis D. Heald—Deed dated May 3, 1862; consideration $1,580; N 33 ft. lot 1 and 3, block 1, Old Town.

John W. Norris to Sanford B. Perry—Trust Deed dated May 7th, 1862; consideration $2,000; W. ½ of S. E. ¼ of Sec. 27, T. 39, R. 14.

Jacob Pauly to F. Schneider—Trust Deed, date Nov. 7th, 1861; consideration $250; E ½ of S N Lot 5, B 59, of S E ¼ Sec. 21, T. 39, R. 14.

Henry I. Rucker to Leon Straus—Trust Deed date May 7, 1862; consideration $700; part of lot 9, Block 19 of Old Town.

Elijah Smith et al to Franklin Lombard—Deed, date May 12, 1862; consideration $1,080; lots 1, 2, 3, 15 and 16 of Lot 197, 198, 201, and E 50 feet of Block 200 Bronson's Addition.

Michael Shoup to James Hickey—Deed dated 20th April, 1861; consideration $300; lot 5 of S. E. ¼ Sec. 34, T. 39, R. 14.

A. Smith to Daniel Egan—Deed dated 8th May, 1862; consideration $5,000; part of block 84, School Section Addition.

Sheriff of Cook County to Wm. F. Dominic—Certificate of sale dated 8th May, 1862; consideration $4,339; lot 4, block 8, Dummy's Addition.

Trustees of Illinois & Michigan Canal to John Wilson—Deed dated March 7th, 1861; lot 6, block 7, Old Town.

United States Marshal to John Brooks—Certificate of sale dated 5th February, 1862; consideration $1,100; lots 5, 6 and 7, block 18, Johnstons Roberts and Ewer's addition.

James H. Woodworth to Wm. H. Waite—Deed date May 7th, 1862; consideration $1,925; lot 21, block 2, L. C. Paine's addition; lot 34, block 21, Sheffield's addition.

Mary K. Warren to John Lynch and Thomas Stinson—Deed, date 6th May, 1862; consideration $150; sub lot 7 of sub lot 1, Block 2, Sheffield's addition; sub lot 8 of block 1, Sheffield's addition.

John W. Wright et al. to Wm. R. Smith et al—Agreement, date 24th December, 1860, of N. E. ¼ of Section 3, T. 39, R. 14.

Barbara Harding to John V. Farwell—Mortgage, date May 1st, 1862; consideration $300; lot 9, block 2, Delevan's addition.

John V. Farwell to Hartley Behrens—Deed, date May 1st, 1862; consideration $600; lot 9, block 2, Delevan's addition.

Joseph Nelson to Joachim Ludewig—Deed dated April 5th, 1862; consideration $240; part of S. E. ¼ Sec. 36, T. 41, R. 13.

Andrew Nelson to M. A. Atwater—Deed dated Nov. 14th, 1861; consideration $1,000; lot 4 and 5 of the W. ½ of the N. W. ¼ of Sec. 28, T. 40, R. 14.

Thomas Dyke to Wm. H. Waite—Deed dated April 17th, 1862; consideration $1,201; certificate of sale.

Asa and James Ryder to Katharine Mulvehill—Deed date April 28, '62; consideration $400; lot 40 of of N. ½ block 16, Sec. 7, T. 39, R. 14.

Mulvehill Cemetery.

Sheriff of Cook Co. to Morris S. Buckner—Deed date 9th April, '62; consideration $343; part of block 1, Mulvehill Cemetery.

United States to Wm. J. Miller—Pat. date March 10th, 1862; consideration $1; E. ½ of N. E. ¼ of Sec. 31, T. 39, R. 14.

Augustus A. Wiswell to Chas. W. Pierce—Deed dated Dec. 6, 1861; consideration, $1,000; sub lot 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54,